

2008 Annual Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 28, 2008, 7 PM

Building 114

114 16th Street

Charlestown Navy Yard

Charlestown, MA

0. Sandwiches and Refreshments
1. Officers' Reports
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Vice President
 - President
2. Consideration of New Members

Potential new teams include Manchester, Pingree, Brooks, Newburyport, Salisbury, Scituate, Hull, Sacred Heart (Duxbury), Middlesex, Braintree (Fall 2008), Belmont (sailed with Lynnfield last year), Newman (revived, sailed at CBI this fall).
3. Modification of Procedural Rules

For the last few years, there has been a requirement that teams in the A Division sail team races with at least 5 teams outside of the MBL and that teams in the B Division sail team races with at least 3 teams outside of the MBL. The major reasons that we adopted this policy were overcome some institutional myopia, to encourage teams to gain experience against quality competition, and to demonstrate our competitiveness to NESSA. In general, the teams in the A Division have satisfied this requirement while some teams in the B Division have not. This goal of this policy is still important today, especially for the A Division.

When we adopted this policy, we left it to teams to satisfy this requirement on their own without any penalty if they did not do so. Given the poor compliance by some teams with this policy, I propose that we add the following language to Procedural Rules 9.a.iv and 9.b.iv:

“If any team does not race five team races against non-MBL teams, each meet not sailed shall count as a loss for the purpose of divisional standings. “

and to 9.b.iv:

“If any team does not race three team races against non-MBL teams, each meet not sailed shall count as a loss for the purpose of divisional standings. “

The effect of this is that teams that do not satisfy this external racing requirement would be penalized with a loss in their divisional standings.

Given the growth of the League, both real and anticipated, I am willing to entertain discussion about the exact number of non-MBL team race meets that

must be sailed. I am also willing to discuss if the requirement for the B Division might be relaxed to include teams in the A or C Division. I expect that we may have to revisit this policy if we were to realign the division along geographic boundaries in the future.

4. Composition of Racing Divisions

- A: Brookline, BB&N, Duxbury, Hingham, Manchester, St. John's Prep, Wellesley
- B: Boston Latin, Dover Sherborn, Lincoln-Sudbury, Notre Dame, Sharon, Winchester
- C: Cambridge, Concord Academy, Concord-Carlisle, Natick, Newton Country Day, Noble and Greenough, North Quincy, St. Sebastian's, Winsor Plus Belmont and Lynnfield, either separately or combined.
Plus other new teams.....
Should this group be split in half for scheduling of races?
- Open: BU Academy
Plus new teams.....

5. Venues

- Community Boating: Brookline, Winchester, Cambridge, Concord Academy, Natick, Newton Country Day, Noble and Greenough, North Quincy, St. Sebastian's, and probably Belmont, Concord-Carlisle, Lynnfield, and Winsor
- Courageous Sailing Center: BB&N and Boston Latin
- Lake Cochituate: Lincoln-Sudbury and Wellesley
- Hingham Harbor: Hingham and Notre Dame
- Duxbury Bay Maritime School: Duxbury
- Sherborn YC: Dover-Sherborn
- Quannapowitt YC: St. John's Prep
- Massapoag Pond: Sharon
- BU Boathouse: Brookline ?

6. Consideration of Dues and Fees

The same fee structure as last year is proposed.

- Racing Dues: \$200
- Recreational Dues: \$25
- Coordinator Fee: \$150 (CBI teams only)
- 420 Fund Contribution (CBI teams only)
 - A and B Division teams: \$600
 - C Division teams: \$400

7. Events (more info at <http://www.massbayleague.org/events.html>)
- Sailor Clinic – March 29 - Amanda Callahan
 - MBL Team Racing Invitational – Need to decide upon date and venue.
When we last discussed this at the NESSA meeting, Sunday, May 4 is the most promising date. May 3 is the same day as the SAT exam.
 - MBL Championships – May 19,20
Regatta chair and volunteers are needed
Post-race awards and food ?
 - Harvard Clinic - Bern Noack is holding another 3-day clinic during the school vacation week in April.
 - L-S Donald Greene Regatta ?
Meeting for CBI Teams – March 24 at CBI
NESSA Fleet Racing Championships (O'Day) – April 26-27
ISSA Fleet Racing Championships (Mallory) - May 10-11
NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff) – May 11
NESSA Team Racing Championships (Mark) – May 17-18
ISSA Team Racing Championships (Baker) - May 24-25
Mass States @ MIT - May 22-23

Holidays

Passover - April 20

Easter – March 23

Public School vacation week - April 16-20

8. League Coordinator
9. Teams looking for coaches
North Quincy, Nobles, Belmont, Lynnfield, Brookline, Natick, others???
Any team looking for a coach should place a no-cost ad at
<http://www.sail1design.com/21.html>.
10. National Championship Bid – 2010 Mallory
See draft proposal and budget at www.MassBayLeague.org/docs/MBL_CBI_MIT_Mallory_Proposal.pdf
NESSA Timetable:
December 2007 – Individual review of proposals
January 2008 – Chance to ask questions and gain more information
February 2008 - Conference call to make a final decision
March 2008- – Announce decision
11. Update on New Docks at CBI
Plans are moving forward to replace the main dock and add a new 420 dock at

CBI. The state has funded Bourne Engineering to design the new docks. It is expected that construction of the new dock will likely start in Fall 2008. It is very likely that there will be some impact on our activities at CBI due to the demolition and construction, although we will work with CBI to minimize the impact.

12. Future of the MBL

Over the past 5 years, we have transformed the League greatly and we have addressed many issues. Looking forward, I would like to take 30 minutes to brainstorm ideas on what we might do next. This is a continuation of the discussion that we had in October.

Ideas:

First week at CBI is a clinic for all sailors

More Fleet racing in the B Division

Survey of coaches

Geographic realignment

13. Election of Officers

Report from Nominating Committee

14. Division Issues and Scheduling